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SUBJECT: DEPUTY FORMIN STAVROPOULOS COMMENTS ON CYPRUS

1. IN COURSE OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECY LAINGEN'S VISIT TO ATHENS, HE AND DCM MET DEPUTY FORMIN STAVROPOULOS ON MARCH 4. STAVROPOULOS EXPOUNDED AT SOME LENGTH ON BOTH THE CYPRUS AND THE AEGEAN QUESTIONS. FOR THE MOST PART, HE COVERED MUCH OF THE SAME GROUND AS DID MINISTER BITSIOS AND MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL TZOUNIS IN CONVERSATIONS YESTERDAY WITH BOTH LAINGEN AND THE AMBASSADOR (SEE SEPTELS).

2. IN DISCUSSING CYPRUS, STAVROPOULOS WAS CRITICAL OF ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS ON SEVERAL POINTS BUT STATED THAT NO CYPRUS SOLUTION COULD BE EFFECTED WITHOUT HIM. MAKARIOS, HE SAID, IS IN FACT A GIVEN ELEMENT OF THE CURRENT POLITICAL EQUATION ON THE ISLAND AND ANY VIABLE SOLUTION WILL HAVE TO TAKE THAT INTO ACCOUNT.

STAVROPOULOS MADE A SPECIAL POINT OF SAYING THAT HE WAS "PUZZLED" BY THE REPORTED VIEWS OF MAKARIOS AS REPORTED

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IN THE FINANCIAL TIMES OF LONDON RECENTLY, I.E. (A) THAT

IF NEED BE HE WOULD CALL ON THE GREEK PEOPLE TO THROW THE  
AMERICANS OUT OF GREECE AND THAT HE WOULD OVERRIDE THE  
GREEK GOVERNMENT OF PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS TO DO SO IF  
NECESSARY, (B) THAT HE HAD TOLD BOTH PRES. FORD AND SECY  
KISSINGER THAT IF THE CYPRUS DEADLOCK CONTINUED  
HE WOULD IN FACT RESORT TO THIS ACTION AND THAT (C) NO  
GREEK GOVERNMENT COULD REMAIN INDIFFERENT TO THE CALL HE  
WOULD MAKE TO THE GREEK PEOPLE. STAVROPOULOS SAID THAT HE  
HAD FOUND MAKARIOS LATER DENIAL LESS THAN COMPLETELY  
CONVINCING.  
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